

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-20 are pending and are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment

This amendment complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.116 and may be entered because it presents rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. This amendment does not touch the merits of the application.

In accordance with MPEP 1207, the attached brief is directed to the claims and to the record of the case as they appeared at the time of the appeal. Thus, claim 11, as presented in Appendix I, has not been amended as shown in this Amendment After Final.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 11-18 are rejected as being indefinite. Specifically, claim 11 is rejected because the term “dynamic mask” has no antecedent basis. Claims 12-18 fall because they depend from claim 11.

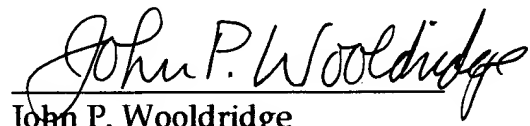
Claim 11 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis. Claims 12-18 depend from claim 11. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1, 3-6 and 8-20 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remains, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,

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